

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated January 31, 2007, the Examiner: 1) rejected claims 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 3,786,729, issued to Rizzone (hereinafter *Rizzone*); 2) claims 10-27 are allowed; and 3) claims 2-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been cancelled and the limitations of claim 1 have been amended into each of claims 2, 6, and 9. Therefore, claims 2, 6, and 9 are in condition for allowance. Claims 3-5 depend from claim 2. Claims 7-8 depend from claim 6. Thus claims 3-5 and 7-8 are also in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

This is believed to be a full and complete response to the Office Action. Applicants believe that all claims are free of the prior art and are in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendments and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview would be beneficial, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required are hereby authorized to be charged to Conley Rose, P.C. Deposit Account No. 03-2769.

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